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Injunction, Snow Fail To Halt Pickets

At Schenectady, N. Y., a mass picket line parades in a snowstorm outside the strike-bound General Electric plant despite an injunction which limits pickets to 12 at the main gate, three at other gates, all of them 15 feet apart. The United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, strikers' union, is appealing the court order.

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An Editorial

There is one real issue and only one in the current fight about New York City finances.

That is whether the big money boys, who are saving billions in federal and state income and business tax cuts, shall help shoulder the added costs of New York City government or whether they shall succeed in their drive to shift those costs to the people.

What are the facts?

The men of the trusts have been handed bonanzas from every side. The federal excess profits tax has been cut out. Federal corporate taxes have been reduced drastically. The Dewey Administration has handed the big boys tens of millions in unemployment insurance tax rebates. And now Dewey comes along with his proposal to hand them another \$122,000,000 in state income and business tax cuts.

But all that is not enough. They still demand with supreme arrogance that the people shoulder the cost of subway rehabilitation through a higher subway fare.

The yelling is being done by exactly the mob which has gained most over the years from the subways—the real estate crowd whose vacant lots turned to gold mines when new transit facilities were built and the bankers who reaped millions when the subways were privately owned.

They now appeal to the small homeowner for support in the higher fare fight.

Let's look at the facts.

The Empire State Building, for instance, will save \$200,000 a year if a 10 cent fare reduces real estate taxes by 20 points, that is, 20 cents on each \$100 worth of taxable property.

But the small homeowner would save only \$15 a year while his family shells out \$75 a year more for subway fares.

The higher fare plan is nothing but a scheme to make the mass of people pay while the big boys get tax reductions.

So it is with the sales tax, the admissions tax and the utilities bills tax proposed by Mayor O'Dwyer. By offering these and other new taxes on the people of the city, the Mayor reneged on his campaign promises to lead a crusade against Dewey's "short-changing" of the city. He surrendered to the Dewey program and weakened the fight to compel the State Administration to meet its obligations.

The governor is using his gigantic state surplus to start a billion-dollar highway program. We are for improved roads. But what right has the governor to use state moneys, two-thirds of which is collected from the people of the City of New York, exclusively for upstate transit?

The mass of New Yorkers, who make up more than half the state's population, have little need for these highways. They use the subways and they have the right to a substantial part of that billion dollar highway fund for improvement and expansion of those subways.

If the governor has thus far refused to grant this, it is because he considers his surplus a political slush fund, to be used to strengthen the upstate machines.

As for the \$79,000,000 in added funds needed by the city for general purposes, that, too, the state should pay. Of the \$670,000,000 estimated for state income, \$430,000,000 will come from the people of the city. If the city received only half of what it contributes, instead of the \$137,000,000 Dewey is giving it, its problem would be solved.

Moreover, there can be no justification in demanding that the people of the city be saddled with more taxes while the big boys have their taxes reduced \$122,000,000.

The fight to force the governor to give what the city needs must continue and grow. But if he should persist in his refusal, then the taxes that the city levies must hit those who are saving the \$122,000,000, and not the people.

There must be no shifting of the tax burden from the rich to the poor.

Quill Charges Gross Aims to Break Union

New York transport workers are not going to let General Gross and the Board of Transportation get away with their conspiracy to wreck the union, Michael J. Quill told reporters at the TWU hall yesterday. "The Board knows very well

that the way to get around giving the employees \$2 a day is to deny collective bargaining and break the union," the Councilman said.

Quill rapped the idea that workers with civil service status are not entitled to collective bargaining contracts.

"There's an exactly similar situation in Detroit and they have a contract," he pointed out, "and so have the civil service transit workers of Boston, San Francisco, Seattle and Baltimore."

The TWU will lay its demand for real collective bargaining before Edward Maguire at the Board of Transportation Tuesday. If the union is denied recognition as rep-

Rally Tomorrow At Transport Board

A mass demonstration of transport workers and their families is scheduled for tomorrow (Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Board of Transportation, 250 Hudson St.

representative of the overwhelming majority of the 32,000 transport workers, Quill said, "our men are ready and have so instructed us, officers of the TWU, to call a strike in subways, bus and street car lines of the City of New York and this we intend to do."

Quill refused to set a deadline for strike action or make any prediction as to the result of the Tuesday meeting.

"We are hoping that they will do the sensible thing," he said, "but under no circumstances are we going to allow the board to wreck our union as it is trying to do."

The company's joint executive board will hear a report on the results of the meeting with Maguire Tuesday night.

Last night Quill reported to the Greater New York CIO Council and asked support.

In answering questions about John L. Lewis' District 50 Quill grinned and replied: "Of course you can say they have no influence whatsoever."

Argentina Recalls Costa Rican Envoy

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Feb. 21 (UPI).—Argentine minister, Dr. Alberto Vivas, has been ordered by his government to return to Buenos Aires immediately as a result of his recent radio attacks on the United States.



Hacking at Monopoly: Refusing to be brow-beaten by a big monopoly and its legislative batmen, this first taxicab contingent of Chicago veterans arrives in Washington to protest the inability to get hack licenses in the Windy City where the Yellow Cab Co. has the hack business tied up. One hundred forty-eight of the vets' cabs are scheduled to arrive. Greeting the protesters are members of the American Veterans Committee and the omnipresent cops.

Bloomfield Strikers Halt Scabs, 6 Pickets Jailed

Special to Daily Worker

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., Feb. 21.—Twenty supervisors tried to rush the picket line at the Westinghouse Electric plant here shortly after 2 p.m. today, but were turned back.

Police arrested a picket captain and five rank and files on disorderly conduct charges arising from the scuffle that ensued.

Union officials said that the provocation, fixed for an hour when the picketing is usually light, was timed to coincide with an inspection by observers sent by Gov. Walter Edge. Those arrested were released on bail.

In Newark, UE officials said they were pressing formal charges against policemen accused of brutality against pickets at Westinghouse Meter.

Hague Cops Won't Enforce Injunctions

JERSEY CITY, Feb. 21.—Jersey City police will not enforce a court injunction banning mass picketing at the Westinghouse plant here, John Saturniewicz, Mayor Hague's secretary, told a delegation from the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers here today.

Saturniewicz and Theodore Bayer, attorney, acting for the city, said the administration took the view that injunctions were civil, not criminal actions, and, therefore, not subject to enforcement by police.

The union, which has been observing the injunction until now, had wired Mayor Hague at Florida, where he is vacationing, asking him his stand, and today's parley followed. On several occasions as many as 300 Jersey City police have turned out at the picket line here.

State Dems Reject Fare Hike to Raise City Funds

Rank-and-file Democratic legislators from New York yesterday repudiated any suggestion that there be a fare increase to make up the needs of the city. "Dope" stories in the press reported that Democratic legislative leaders, faced with the uncomfortable task of backing Mayor O'Dwyer's plan for a sales tax and other taxes hitting the people, were considering a fare rise as a more acceptable alternative.

But Democratic rank-and-filers queried, while they refused to be quoted, indicated that they were in favor of continuing the battle for more state aid until the last minute.

They were less certain about the position they would take if the fight were lost. Some insisted they would oppose all and any plans that hit the people, whether in the form of taxes or fare increases. Others preferred to wait for a Democratic caucus meeting before making up their minds. The Democratic caucus is scheduled to meet Monday night on the issue.

The National Lawyers Guild proposed yesterday that the state grant the city \$79,875,000 to meet its increased expense budget and that the transit rehabilitation be financed from new taxes. It recommended that the \$40,000,000 needed for transit repair be raised by adopting Mayor O'Dwyer's proposals for a pari-mutual tax, increased business tax rate, hotel room tax and luxury tax.

The Lawyers Guild argued that the \$79,875,000 should be taken out of the \$122,000,000 earmarked for tax reductions by the Governor. It maintained that the state administration was unfair to the city. It said "the people of the City of New York will not lightly forgive those who, for partisan of political reasons, foist financial difficulties upon the city's administration."

It pointed to the half billion dollar surplus accumulated in Albany.

Furriers to Give \$42,500 for USSR

The CIO Fur and Leather Workers Union will present checks totaling \$42,500 to the American Society for Russian Relief and the Amblian Committee at a luncheon tomorrow (Saturday) at the Hotel Pennsylvania.

The money, raised through the War Emergency Board of the Fur Industry, which includes both labor and management, will be presented at a testimonial luncheon in tribute to the victims of fascism in the Soviet Union. The American Society for Russian Relief will receive \$35,000 and the Amblian Committee the rest.

Truman Bars Comment on Atom Spy Scare

By ROB F. HALL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—At his weekly press conference today, President Truman refused to be drawn into discussion which could be used to build up spy-scare and anti-Soviet hysteria. But he also said nothing to contribute to Big Three unity in the current crisis.

Immediately upon opening the conference in the Oval Room of the White House, he was met with a barrage of questions, many of them provocative, dealing with Soviet-American relations and the Canadian spy-scare.

The President declined to comment on most of them.

The dialogue between the President and the reporters ran somewhat as follows:

Question: The Department of Justice says that agents of foreign powers have been observed here. Is this true? The President said he had no comment and that he knew nothing about it.

Q: Do you plan to ask for a loan to Russia? The President said he had no plans, but this did not exclude the possibility of such a loan.

Q: Did the U. S. put pressure on Russia to release the Hungarian Cardinal so he could go to Rome? The President said no.

Q: Do you agree with Mr. Davies that Russia has a moral right to spy? Mr. Truman declined to comment.

Q: Did you discuss foreign spy activities with Mr. Attlee? The President replied that with Attlee he had discussed atomic energy, not spies.

Q: Did you discuss unauthorized leaks of atomic information with Mr. Attlee? The President said that he did. He said that he considered measures for the protection of atomic secrets adequate; they have always been adequate and they still are.

Meanwhile, W. A. Higginbotham, head of the Federation of Atomic Scientists, in an interview with the North American Newspaper Alliance here, said reports of the theft of atomic bomb secrets from the Canadian government were a hoax.

India Crews Train Warships' Guns On British; Egypt Fighting Spreads

The British Empire was shaken yesterday by uprisings in India and Egypt. Indian sailors took over 20 warships of the Royal Indian Navy, reports said. The sailors struck for higher pay and better conditions. Their struggle took on a directly political character as they tore down the Union Jack and hoisted Indian national flags on ships and buildings.

Indian civilians and airmen joined the uprising.

As 10-day-old oust-the-British demonstrations in Egypt spread to five major cities, British authorities ruthlessly machinegunned civilians armed only with sticks and stones.

BOMBAY, Feb. 21 (UP). — Indian Navy mutineers turned the guns of seized warships upon shore establishments here and at Karachi today, while Britain rushed land, sea and air reinforcements with the announced intention of destroying the Indian Navy if necessary to end the mutiny.

Reinforcements were en route to Poona, Bombay, and Karachi, 550 miles to the north, where enlisted men, in control of the 1,190-ton sloop Hindustan, had opened fire on the shore with four-inch guns and small arms.

(In London, Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee told Commons that naval reinforcements were on the way to Bombay.)

[Usually reliable sources reported early today (Friday) that the mutineers had surrendered unconditionally.]

Indian Navy enlisted men mutinied ashore. They barricaded themselves in Castle Barracks here, and battled British and Indian troops with machine guns and rifles.

BRITISH REFUSE PARLEY

Late in the afternoon the barricaded men in Castle Barracks offered to negotiate, but at midnight authorities decided to attack the barracks with trucks loaded with armed troops.

Civilian demonstrations broke out at scattered points here in sympathy with mutineers. Police fired upon one group which attacked a theater.

About 1,000 Royal Indian Air Force enlisted men struck in sympathy, and six were injured when military policemen charged them with batons and forced them into barracks.

Vice Adm. John Henry Godfrey, RIN, Commander-in-Chief, warned the mutineers in a broadcast of the "overwhelming forces" at the disposal of the Empire "which will be used to the uttermost, even if it means destruction of the (Indian) Navy, of which we have been so proud."

No official casualty list was available. One person was reported dead

and nine injured at Karachi. Early and incomplete reports said 26 were injured here, either in the fighting accompanying the sympathy strike of Indian air force men, or in the fighting at Castle Barracks.

Wireless communications between Calcutta, New Delhi and Bombay were disrupted.

Indian Naval enlisted men were on strike at the Hooghly River shore establishments in the southern Calcutta suburbs. Calcutta dispatches said, but no violence was reported.

Crewmen of an Indian naval training ship at New Delhi refused duty and were put under arrest.

POLICE FIRE IN KARACHI

The fighting at Karachi began after military police opened fire on strikers. Indian enlisted men struck at two shore establishments there.

The mutiny climaxed mounting unrest in the ranks of the Indian Navy over the rate of demobilization, pay, traveling allowances and family allowances.

Godfrey announced that sailors aboard the sloop Narabda, one of the seized vessels, which included sloops and minesweepers, had signaled intentions of opening fire if British or Indian troops fire on sailors ashore here. Some small arms fire from the commandeered vessels already was reported.

The New Delhi announcement said 38 sailors aboard the Indian Navy ship, India, and in naval barracks had refused to obey orders and were arrested.

In Singapore Indian nationalists who erected a makeshift monument to the Japanese puppet leader Subhas Chandra Bose were dispersed by police today.

The crowd of 200 was singing the Indian National Army anthem when police arrived. They left a wreath at the foot of the monument, which police destroyed, and drove away in trucks shouting, "Long Live India" and "Long live the revolution."

Egyptians Spread

Anti-British Fight

CAIRO, Feb. 21 (UP). — Egypt's 10-day-old demonstration against the British exploded in five cities today. In Cairo itself 12 were killed and more than 100 wounded when British troops opened fire with machine guns on Egyptians stoning the Kasr El Nil barracks from neighboring rooftops.

Egyptians put the toll at 16 killed, including 14 Egyptians. These sources said 120 Egyptians were wounded.

British Army tanks and armored cars, supported by military police in jeeps with tommyguns in their hands, rumbled through the streets. Egyptian army troops set up machineguns on all main intersections leading to British buildings. Egyptian fire brigades were mobilized.

Surging crowds of Egyptians

armed themselves with sticks, stones and torches. They attacked barracks, an RAF mess, an Anglican church and other British buildings here. Widespread fires flamed in the city.

The demonstrators shouted demands that the nation revolt against the British in Egypt.

Cairo was hardest hit, with all British troops confined to their offices in the city of nearby camps. Other demonstrations were reported from Alexandria. From Mansura, about 70 miles north of Cairo in the Nile Delta, and from Heliopolis and Abbassia, about 10 miles east of Cairo.

All of the dead and wounded in Cairo were Egyptians except for two British residents who were thrown from a window and killed instantly, after they opened fire on the demonstrators from a balcony.

British troops fired at demonstrators in both the Subra and Muntira districts. Many of the wounded were taken to Kasr El Aini hospital. Of the more than 100 wounded, 30 were reported in serious condition.

Reports from Alexandria said thousands of students and workers paraded the streets there, also shouting anti-British slogans. Police armed with staves stood by but did not interfere. All shops and public establishments were closed in Alexandria, and no street cars or buses were running there. The crowds tore down British flags.

In Mansura, the governor of the city was reported injured.

In Abbassia, where the British have a large barracks, demonstrators stoned the British, who fired with buckshot from riot guns.

British troops were reported to have fired on crowds at Heliopolis, near Abbassia, where the British have an army base and RAF air-drome.

Native Troops in Celebes Revolt

BATAVIA, Feb. 21 (UP). — Native troops in the Dutch Army at Manado in northern Celebes have seized all military and civil authority after mutinying because they received less food and pay than white troops, an official announcement said today.

A mission of senior British and Dutch officers arrived at Manado yesterday to investigate, and found they had arrested all Dutchmen and women in the area. No violence has been reported.

Pittsb'gh Lights Dim Again Tues.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 21 (UP). — An independent union of employees of the Duquesne Light Company announced today that it will resume its strike next Tuesday at 12:01 a.m.

The workers' demand for a 37 percent wage increase resulted in a 19½ hour walkout last week.

The union president charged the company had refused during three days to meetings with the mediators to "negotiate wage increase and won't agree to even its previous offer of 7½ percent."



Spy Scare Aimed To Help Out Bevin

LONDON, Feb. 21 (UP). — The Moscow newspaper Pravda asserted today that the Canadian spy plot announcement was an effort by Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King to help Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin out of trouble created at the UNO.

Radio Moscow transmitted the editorial by Pravda, official Communist Party paper, a few hours after it broadcast a statement that the Soviet Union had obtained "insignificant secret data" from Canada.

The original statement charged that Canada had adopted an anti-Soviet attitude on the question and had acted in a manner "incompatible with normal relations between the two countries."

Pravda said Mackenzie King's announcement of an espionage plot was made "in order to help Bevin, who placed the British Government in a difficult position by statements at the UNO assembly."

"That's why Mackenzie King timed the statement precisely at the

moment the Assembly session ended," the editorial said.

"This is not the first time that kindlers of anti-Soviet campaigns have been unmasked," it said. "They will be unmasked now as defenders of a cause which has nothing in common with the interests of democracy and the development of normal relations between states."

Bevin Protests

He Wants Peace

LONDON, Feb. 21 (UP). — Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin said today that he could not conceive circumstances in which the Soviet Union and Great Britain would go to war. He said he would like to see the present 20-year Anglo-Soviet friendship treaty extended for a 50-year term.

The founding of the Red Army and Washington's birthday were jointly celebrated here last night at a dinner sponsored by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship in the Waldorf Astoria.

Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, new U. S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union, expressed confidence that obstacles to sound relations with Russia would be overcome through the UNO if both countries used forbearance.

"Both nations want nothing so much as peace and security," Gen. Smith said. "We have our own security requirements and we understand and appreciate the desire for security on the part of the Soviet Union. If national interests conflict, we must endeavor to adjust them to the general principles of world security which the United Nations Organization was created to establish and which will bear final security."

Oscar Lange, Polish Ambassador to the United States, called the Red Army's liberation of Poland "the greatest fact in modern Polish history."

He said that of 6,000,000 Soviet

troops which passed through Poland

to Germany and back again only about 200,000 remain on Polish territory, and that these would soon leave. Poland, he said, which has entered into economic cooperation with the Soviet Union, also counts on similar ties with America, and will need American credits and investments "all based on sound business principles." Polish-Soviet friendship has come to stay, he said.

"Nobody should be mistaken about it and all those who speculate about disrupting this friendship will be heavily disappointed. All attempts to promote such disruption will prove a total political failure."

General Ilia M. Sarayev, representing the Soviet Embassy, stressed the need for American-Soviet friendship.

"The war was the test for the people of the Soviet Union which proved the great strength of the Soviet State, peoples' devotion to their motherland and cooperative spirit between the various nations of the Soviet Union," he said. "The war also proved that the progressive coalition of the great powers was essential for the accomplishment

of victory and further main-

tenance of peace and security in the post-war period."

In a message, CIO president Philip Murray stressed labor's role in building Soviet-American friendship.

"When governmental diplomatic relations grow strained," he wrote, "we must remind ourselves that the future, even the very existence of the world depends on our success in preserving friendship with the people of other nations. All our efforts must be devoted to continuing in the future the cooperation between the American and the Soviet unions, which proved so helpful in the past."

Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace wrote that "working together, there are no limits to what we can accomplish for human well-being, just as there is no limit to the human misery that would be caused by the fomenting of suspicion and hate between us."

The dinner was made the occasion for a tribute to Corliss Lamont, chairman of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, for his work in promoting good relations

Anti-Strike Farm 'Leaders' Bared As NAM Stooges

Behind the newspaper talk of farm "vigilante" movements against strikers is the National Association of Manufacturers' Committee on Cooperation with Agriculture.

The first threat of a farm "strike" to end strikes was voiced last October by a Clarence Reeds, described by the press as an Oklahoma farm leader. Newspapers picked it up and trumpeted it as a "revolt" against strikes by Oklahoma farmers.

What they failed to mention was that Reeds' speech was made at a luncheon in Oklahoma City sponsored by the NAM committee. Presiding at the luncheon was Oscar L. Holderby, president of the National Stockyards Co. The stockyards were then facing a strike.

Among those present was E. G. Cherbonnier, national chairman of the NAM Committee on Co-operation with Agriculture.

As far as can be learned, no other Oklahoma farmer was involved in that "revolt."

The NAM committee has been busy in the past couple of years cementing "co-operation" with farm groups at "grass roots" levels. Nebraska, from which the current farm "vigilante" agitation emanates, is one of its favorite stamping grounds.

According to Russell Smith, National Farmers Union legislative director, maybe 400 farmers all over the country are involved in the "rebellion." Smith has just returned from a trip to Nebraska. He says meat-packing interests are behind it.

Sven Anderten, a small-town Nebraska newspaper publisher who is known as the acting organizer of the farm "vigilante" movement, told newsmen that the "generosity of the press services" was responsible for the "widespread interest" aroused by his movement among the farmers.

Anderten did not explain why the press services were so "generous."

At the same time that the news of this Nebraska farm "vigilante" movement broke, farmers from a Montana community announced they had contributed a carload of wheat to the General Motors strikers. The wheat was sent to a Farmers Union granary and netted the strikers \$2,500.

Harvester Union Accepts Panel Findings as Basis for Talks

Special to the Daily Worker

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—The United Farm Equipment Workers, following a meeting of its national council here, announced acceptance of the recommendations of the government's fact-finding panel for settlement of the strike of International Harvester workers.

The strike, now in the fifth week, affects 30,000 of the company's workers in 11 plants.

The decision of the union does not mean the strike is over, but calls for resumption of negotiations on the issues referred by the panel for further collective bargaining talks.

The recommendations provide for an 18 cents an hour general wage rise; a 10 percent general raise to

be retroactive to last Oct. 1; maintenance of membership and union dues checkoff. The panel also recommended pay for union stewards while settling grievances and a provision for final and binding arbitration in dispute cases.

Also recommended is three weeks' vacation to those with 15 or more years in service, and improvement in eligibility requirements for others.

Still unsettled and left to further negotiations are the company's wage rate and piece-work structure, which has been the subject of years of controversy.

Final acceptance of an agreement rests with the membership of the 11 locals.

NAM to Spend \$1 Million to Fight OPA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The campaign of the National Association of Manufacturers against price control is expected to cost about one million dollars, according to the newspaper Advertising Age.

Of the four ads scheduled, two have appeared. They appeared in 450 dailies in cities of 50,000 and more, and in 150 country weeklies. The cost of the four ads is \$200,000. Advertising Age says,

"Although plans have not been determined," the magazine de-

What George Washington Said...

On this 214th birthday anniversary of George Washington, it is well to recall the following words of the military leader of the American Revolution and first President of this Republic:

'Learn War No More'

It is more consonant to all the principles of reason and religion (natural and revealed) to replenish the earth with inhabitants, rather than to depopulate it by killing those already in existence, besides it is time for the age of knight-errantry and madheroism to be at an end. Your young military men, who want to reap the harvest of laurels, don't care (I suppose) how many seeds of war are sown; but for the sake of humanity it is devoutly to be wished that the manly employment of agriculture, and the humanizing benefits of commerce, would supersede the waste of war and the rage of conquest; and the swords might be turned into plowshares, the spears into pruning hooks, and, as the Scripture expresses it, "the nations learn war no more."

Asylum

Rather than quarrel about territory let the poor, the needy and oppressed of the Earth, and those



WASHINGTON

who want Land, resort to the fertile plains of our western country, the second Promise, and there swell in peace, fulfilling the first and great commandment.

Against Slavery

The scheme . . . which you propose as a precedent, to encourage,

the emancipation of the black people of this Country from the state of Bondage in which they are held, is a striking evidence of the benevolence of your Heart. I shall be happy to join you in so laudable a work.

Peace With Freedom

To discerning Men, nothing can be more evident that a Peace on the principles of independence, however limited, after what has happened, would be to the last degree dishonorable and ruinous. . . . Nothing short of Independence, it appears to me, can possibly do. A Peace, on other terms, would, if I may be allowed the expression, be a Peace of War.

Wealth and Office

If private wealth is to supply the defect of public retribution, it will greatly contract the sphere within which, the selection of Characters for Office, is to be made, and will proportionately diminish the probability of a choice of Men, able, as well as upright: Besides that it would be repugnant to the vital principles of our Government, virtually to exclude from public trusts, talents and virtue, unless accompanied by wealth.

Truman, Randolph Stage Love Fest Over Remains of Senate FEPC Bill

By CLAUDIA JONES

President Truman recently wrote a warm and cozy letter to A. Phillip Randolph, president of the International Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, and co-chairman with Anna Arnold Hedgeman of the "National Council for a Permanent FEPC."

The coziness of the relationship between Mr. Truman and Mr. Randolph caused political eyebrows to raise, when Truman warmly thanked Randolph for "his heartwarming letter of Jan. 24."

What sort of letter could A. Phillip Randolph have sent to the President to merit such a "heartwarming" characterization?

As far as one can discern, there is certainly no "heartwarming" example of Administration leadership on the FEPC measure. It is quite the contrary.

It was the "heartwarming" action of Truman that was responsible for taking away FEPC powers to investigate the blatant refusal of the Capitol Transit Co. to hire Negroes.

It was the "heartwarming" ruling of President Truman under the "seeming" extension of the power of FEPC to June 30 that coincided with the virtual death of the FEPC, the closing of its regional offices in all but Chicago and Detroit. Truman's failure to condemn the Senate sell-out of FEPC by both major parties and his failure to condemn the filibustering crowd in his own party merit anything but support from Negro leaders.

TOO LATE FOR PROMISES

Yet A. Phillip Randolph can be the recipient of a letter from President Truman which further stated:

"It is good to know that you feel that I am with you and to know that you are with me. . . ."

Is Randolph purporting to be the modern-day peddler of promises

to the Negro people? If so, he should be aware that the temper of the Negro people leans in a direction contrary to easy acceptance of promises, no matter where they come from.

This is why they are today placing the blame for failure of the Senate FEPC bill where it belongs. They recognize, together with their trade union allies, that they must gird themselves for a new successful fight, around the House Measure, in this session of Congress.

Without a doubt, the blame rests primarily on the Republican and Democratic parties, whose majority and minority Senate leaders agreed to displace the FEPC after cloture was lost. Only 12 Senators voted against displacement of the FEPC measure.

BARKLEY'S RECORD

It must be remembered that it was Senator Barkley, Senate majority leader, who took the floor in support of Chavez' motion to withdraw the bill. This is clear evidence that Mr. Truman undoubtedly gave his approval. We must remember that the promises by Republican Senator Taft to fight the filibuster with all-night sessions turned out to be a bluff. The Republicans went down the line with the Democrats in the Senate sell-out of FEPC.

We can no more praise Truman in "heartwarming" terms than we can the 38 Senators who, while signing the cloture petition, felt that their obligation on this measure was discharged by merely a record vote for cloture.

Undoubtedly Randolph will ob-

ject, for his own political reasons, to criticism of Mr. Truman. But it is noteworthy that none of this "heartwarming" praise emanates from Randolph to those forces responsible for organizing mass action in support of FEPC, especially when the filibuster was at its height.

This is why another question follows—one which is the key for all fighters for a permanent FEPC measure, namely:

Where were Mr. Randolph and Mr. Hedgeman when the Senate was being fouled up by the spewings of the Bilbos, Eastlands and Rankins?

The record shows:

1—They sabotaged the mass actions of the people directed against the bill's enemies.

2—They were responsible for following the plans of the most experienced and reliable group of progressive Congressmen, whose advice was to fight to free the House discharge petition on the FEPC.

3—They did so because they seek to make partisan capital out of the FEPC issue.

(Tomorrow's article will document these charges.)

Sub-Getters Contest

At Last!

The results of national Sub-Getters Contest in The Worker Circulation Campaign will be published in

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Watch for It!

CIO Teachers Hit Plan to Close Lincoln School

The CIO Teachers Union yesterday hit out at the proposed closing of the progressive Horace Mann-Lincoln School as a "last step taken by a reactionary school administration against progressive educational policies."

The school's closing was announced for June 30, 1947, by Columbia Teachers College.

"Dean William Russell, of Teachers College, started this campaign against forward-looking educational policy when New College was abandoned in the Thirties," the union said. "The next step was the consolidation of Lincoln School with Horace Mann, followed now by the abandoning of the two schools altogether."

The union pointed out that Dean Russell pleaded lack of funds on all occasions. "This excuse, now, when Teachers College registration is at a peak, when tuition fees are the highest they've ever been, and when the staff has received no salary increase, is obviously a subterfuge used by Dean Russell in his fight against anything progressive at Teachers College," the union stated.

Commenting on the dean's statement that the public school system could take over the children now attending the closing school, the union pointed out that at present New York City cannot afford to take over any more schools without itself receiving budgetary assistance.

UAW Warns GM Strikers Hold Fast; Company Stalls on Wages, Terms



Unity of Opposites: We'll have to get Daily Worker Science Editor Peter Stone to explain just how this works. Anyhow, the scientists have developed a transparent mirror, originally for war instruments, now being used by these young ladies as shown.

UE Rejects Westinghouse Wage Cutting Proposals

Unions on strike at Westinghouse Electric Corp. plants across the nation have rejected unanimously wage cutting proposals submitted by the company through mediators.

This was announced yesterday by Edward Matthews, international representative of the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers. Matthews is in charge of Westinghouse negotiations for the UE.

The company, without offering an increase, had put a demand for elimination of union security, elimination of night pay differentials, cuts in incentive bonus, abolition of checkoff and a penalty system, before William L. Davis and Max Meyer, mediators appointed by President Truman to work for a strike settlement.

"By their unanimous and indignant votes, striking Westinghouse workers have shown what they think of the Westinghouse Corp. attempt to eliminate union security, cut wages and break the union," Matthews said.

"Westinghouse employees by their votes emphasized their demand for a \$2 a day wage increase, which is the sole issue of the strike."

Matthews disputed company claims to high wage rates. He said pay schedules were "scandalous." According to government figures he listed prevailing Westinghouse minimums as follows: Baltimore, 57½ cents an hour; Bloomfield, N. J., 61½ cents; Cleveland 57½; Derry, Pa., 61½; East Pittsburgh, 61½; Fairmont, W. Va., \$1; Lima, O., 52½; Manfield, O., 59½, and Newark, 87½.

Matthews said these were "among the lowest in the entire electrical industry."

"Even if Westinghouse agrees to our \$2 a day wage increase, such wage rates would still keep these Westinghouse workers below minimum standards being paid in the electrical division of General Motors and by the electronics industry in New York."

The union leader charged that Mellon interests had "moved in and taken over" Westinghouse, making it difficult to reach a settlement.

the Pittsburgh Westinghouse strikers' meeting which rejected management's proposals. Over 7,000 jammed the ballroom of the Pittsburgh Boosters' Club and 5,000 listened over loudspeakers set up outside. The Pittsburgh unit is the company's main plant.

Speakers there included John Metcalfe, Local 601 president; Michael Fitzpatrick, chief steward, and Thomas J. Fitzpatrick, president of UE District 6.

UOPWA Vote Demands \$10 Raise

CALLS FOR BIG 3 UNITY TO HALT REACTION WORLD-RULE DRIVE

Special to the Daily Worker

CLEVELAND, Feb. 21.—Delegates to the convention of the United Office and Professional Workers today voted to demand a general raise of \$10 a week for 80,000 white collar workers and a \$30 minimum for a 35-hour week.

The convention also adopted a resolution declaring that the Truman wage-price policy "stimulates speedy inflation and does nothing to help maintain purchasing power."

The resolution further reemphasizes the urgency of building the union, and militant action for the workers' demands.

Charging big business in the United States with an attempt to dominate the world and destroy democratic movements, the CIO office union's convention here called upon the President to "adhere firmly to the policy of Big Three unity" as a basis for lasting peace.

The resolution on foreign policy was sharply critical of the administration for "departures from President Roosevelt's policies." As a part of the drive for world domination, the resolution said, reaction is advocating amnesty for German industrialists and Junkers; support for Franco; restrictions upon economic opportunities for democracies of eastern Europe, Francegates as several took the floor to

and Italy; armed intervention in China; friendship for the fascist government of Argentina, and a big stick policy against Latin American democracies and favors imperialist domination over Greece, Indonesia and India.

HIT TRUMAN WEAKNESS

The Truman Administration was charged with making "frequent and growing concessions to the advocates of these anti-democratic pro-fascist policies." The resolution demanded:

That the Potsdam "big three" agreement "to destroy the remnants of Nazism in Germany and support the democratic people's movements in that country" be carried out by the Truman Administration.

The resolution further demanded that reactionary interests of Big Business groups be cleaned out of diplomatic posts.

HEAD ASKS CUT

Earlier the convention went through a lively debate over President Lewis Merrill's demand that his own salary be cut from \$7,800 to \$5,200.

Merrill, pressed for his demand after three days of convention deliberation on a drive to raise salaries of white-collar workers generally, said:

"There are no careers in trade union leadership," he told the dele-

DETROIT, Feb. 21 (UP).—CIO auto leaders warned the 175,000 striking General Motors workers today to "ignore all headlines and rumors reporting settlement of strike issues."

Union President R. J. Thomas, Vice President Walter P. Reuther and George Addes, UAW secretary-treasurer, joined in a telegram to all union locals at struck GM plants throughout the country, saying that "on wages and Paragraph 63, we are as far apart as we were 10 days ago."

In addition to wages and Paragraph 63—which concerns employee promotions and transfers, the three union leaders said, "there are still local issues to be resolved and a number of other national issues."

"You will be immediately and officially informed by the GM department of all developments," the message said. "There will be no delayed or 'timed' announcements. Hold your lines strong and disregard rumors."

Ford Lays Off 2,500 More

DETROIT, Feb. 21 (UP).—Ford Motor Co. today announced the lay-off of 2,500 men and suspension of tractor manufacture and assembly at its Highland Park plant, effective tomorrow.

The layoffs bring the total of unemployed Ford workers to 46,000 because of steel and parts shortages. Ford passenger car and truck assembly lines have been closed for more than two weeks.

The Dodge truck plant laid off 2,000 employees today because of a shortage of drive shafts resulting from a strike at the Cleveland Steel Products Co., Cleveland. About 1,500 Dodge workers were retained in service, export and repair jobs.

Nine Dead in Reich Mine Explosion

UNNA, Germany, Feb. 21 (UP).—Fifty-nine survivors and nine dead were brought to the surface today from the "Monopole" mine, where hundreds were believed trapped by an underground explosion.

Pass Bill to Curb Musicians' Right to Strike

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (UP).—The House tonight approved, 223 to 43, legislation to impose stiff Federal curbs on Musicians Union head James C. Petrillo in his relations with the radio industry.

It acted after shouting down an attempt by Rep. Vito Marcantonio (ALP-NY) to send the bill back to the Interstate Commerce Committee.

The bill would make it a criminal offense for any labor leader to try to compel a radio broadcaster to hire more workers than he needs, to employ a "stand-by" orchestra in non-profit educational and foreign programs, or to restrain from broadcasting musical recordings. Violators would be liable to a fine of \$1,000 and a year in prison.

The Senate has passed a far more moderate measure. The House bill, a substitute for the Senate version, now goes back to the upper chamber for concurrence.

By a vote of 70 to 26, it voted down an amendment by Marcantonio which would have guaranteed members of Petrillo's union and other radio employees the right to strike in pressing demands upon management.

Marcantonio told the House that the bill for the first time in history would make it a criminal offense for a union member to strike. For this reason, he said, the bill is unconstitutional.

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By JOHN MELDON

On my day off last week, I lunched with a Broadway actor in a Times Square restaurant. He spends every minute he's not on the stage helping mobilize Broadway behind the numerous picket lines that encircle the city. I admire him for his utter devotion to the class from which he sprang and for his keen understanding of what Big Business is trying to do to this country we all love. We got to talking about Damon Runyon, the chronicler of the seamer side of Broadway, and I ventured the opinion that most of Runyon's fantastic characters were the product of a vivid imagination.

"Whoa! You are wrong there!" my actor friend said. "It's true that Runyon writes only about grifters, gamblers, sable-coated tomatoes and philosophical gunmen, but you can find almost any character he writes about on Broadway."

He went on to say that one of Runyon's famous story-characters, known as "The Eye," actually exists and makes a living by putting the Broadway version of the "hex" on victims of people who don't like other people.

The job of "The Eye" is to come



up to a victim and stare at him with one eye which is slightly off focus, thus putting a curse on him. He gets as high as \$200 per assignment.

"If you want to see some real Runyon characters, come with me," my friend urged. We walked up to Stillman's Gymnasium between 54th and 55th on Eighth Ave. We climbed a dingy, long flight of wooden stairs and paid 35 cents to a businesslike individual at a turnstile.

Inside the gym, the air was actually blue with cigar smoke. Several hundred men stood around, most of them silently watching professional fighters punching, feinting and dancing like Pavlovas in two rings on the floor. The crowd was so thick we had to push our way through to watch the slugs going through their paces.

I looked the crowd over. Two chaps next to me could have stepped out of a Hollywood gangster movie. They talked to each other while looking straight ahead. The language was brittle Broadway and strictly fight racket. They were neatly dressed, clean shaven and granite-eyed. My actor friend nudged me and said:

"Take a look behind you. That fellow leaning on the cigar counter. What would you make him out to be?" I studied the

man for a moment. He was middle-aged and handsome. He dressed with immaculate care and his face was calm and kind. I guessed he might be an out-of-town visitor.

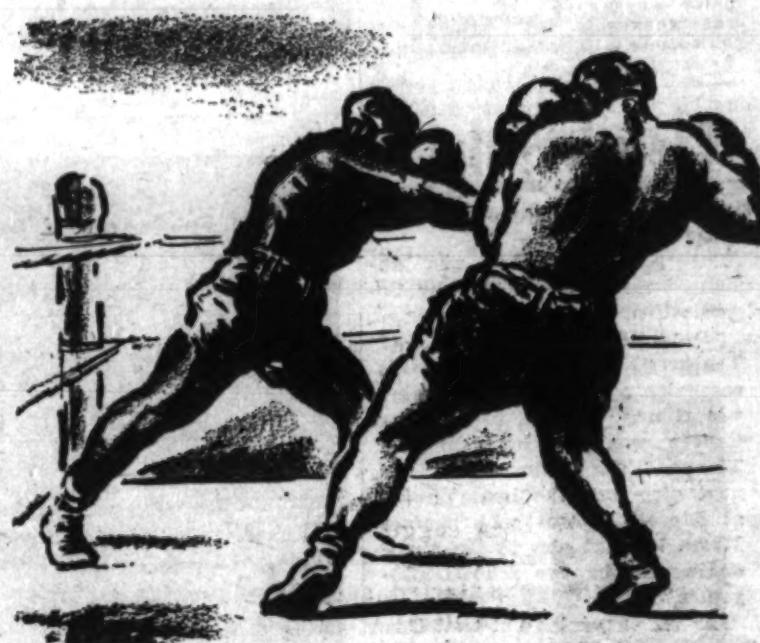
"That's Hymie Kaplan," my friend grinned. "He just got out of Sing Sing after a long term. He's one of the roughest operators along Broadway. His chief racket is big-time gambling. His name makes every hoodlum in the country take his hat off in respect."

Up in the ring, a beautifully-built Negro boxer was working out with a white worker. The Negro moved gracefully, like a flick of summer lightning. Leather protective gear half hid his face.

"Who is that young Negro kid?" I asked.

"That young Negro is no longer young," I was informed. "He started fighting when he was 15 and he's been at it for 25 years. That's Chalky Wright." I was amazed. I recalled hearing about Chalky years ago, but I had never seen him. "He's one of the sweetest guys in the world," the actor said. "One of a few great professionals left in the business."

We walked around the gym to the accompaniment of labored grunts and sodden thuds. I pushed by human wrecks, men who at one time had been fine physical specimens. Now they were loose-lipped, glassy-eyed, al-



By ELLIS

most unseeing, their ears like lumps of putty. They are the "stumblebums" who hang out at Stillman's, living on dimes and quarters the boys in the chips give them.

Hard, almost savage-looking individuals stood talking in little groups, ignoring the fighters. They were managers, big-shot gamblers who live like fat golden leeches on the blood of the kids who cut each other to ribbons.

We left Stillman's. The air out-

side was good. This was only a segment of Broadway. My friend represented the new White Way. There are hundreds like him—actors and actresses, writers, radio people. They hate fascism and they donate their splendid talents to union affairs and strike meetings whenever they have a spare moment. They read and study and fight reaction. Damon Runyon's Broadway is part of a dying world. My actor friend is a citizen of a new world coming.

Letters from Our Readers



Japan, a Wall St. Colony

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I object to the tone of Joe Starobin's article, "MacArthur's Latest Bluff" in the Feb. 2 issue. I don't see any "bluff" or "farce" in what MacArthur is doing.

Instead of asking MacArthur to "please explain" why he's rushing elections in a country still steeped in fascism, a few words of scientific Marxist explanation would help workers understand American imperialism.

Wall Street is making a dominion out of Japan. That's why Hirohito gets free press agent service and the fascist system is kept in power. MacArthur himself is a big-time capitalist and fascist in the Philippines. He of-

fers food and shelter to any Wall Street men traveling on "business."

His "reforms" are as phony as his elections. He ordered the Zaibatsu (monopoly) families to "break up" their financial dynasties and authoritarian controls over Japanese economy. Mitsui Honsha, the largest, decided not to because this would "invite confusion and disorder in economic circles."

The Zaibatsu are ordered to sell stock shares to the public. Does the Japanese "public" have money to buy stocks? Isn't Wall Street itching to export its surplus capital and get super-profits from exploiting Japanese workers?

It all makes one pattern. Japanese imperialism is to be kept as a going concern (exploited and controlled by Wall Street) for an

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ally in future wars against the colonial peoples and the Soviet Union.

HANK.

Compares Soviet Reconversion to Ours

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Judging from what I see and hear, the "Daily" is now being read by more workers, especially those who are engaged in struggle, than at any time during the past several years. We then have a larger audience to reach and influence.

Workers should be enlightened

on what the Soviet Union is doing to cope with reconversion. Even good, active Party members among the GE strikers in this city are unaware of the measures that the Soviet Union has undertaken to raise the standards of the Soviet people.

The workers in the USA should know that in the Soviet Union, while the working day was reduced, the weekly take-home pay was maintained. Besides, prices of goods have been slashed. This information will go a long way to torpedo the vicious anti-Soviet campaign.

Vets should be told about the care in the Soviet Union for the discharged Red Army men, providing them not only with allowances, but also with jobs at decent pay, care for their children, homes equipped and heated. This should

be compared with the treatment of vets in our country.

PARTY MEMBER.

FEPC Failure Tied to Dubinsky

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Out of the failure of the FEPC supporters in the Senate, you have a tool for weakening Dubinsky and some of his Social Democratic friends. It's a scandal which should make the rank and file of the ILGWU turn more to the really democratic and Communist forces within the union.

The bill should not have been brought up in the Senate first. It was done against the advice of numerous political tacticians in the House, including Marcantonio and DeLacy. They knew the odds might be too great.

Ben Davis, in a speech before a National Negro Congress rally, said this faulty step was made by the leaders of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, who are close friends of Dubinsky.

It's out of struggles like these, out of failures due to undemocratic elements that we are provided with the means by which we can strengthen the democratic forces in our country.

A COMMUNIST.

Pastor Holds Communism Advance Over Capitalism

Madrid, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The people of the USSR are realizing their destiny. Their material conditions are improving. The principles of communism must, today, be considered in world organization.

I think in terms of human welfare, virtue, peace, love, the love of God. I hold that communism is the fulfillment of the Second Commandment. Communism is far in advance of the creeds in the churches which are dominated by the capitalist nations.

HENRY HUGHES, PASTOR, CONGRESSIONAL CHURCH.

Let's Face It

GOV. DEWEY is jittery about the fall elections.

Always extremely cautious and thorough, the Governor is taking nothing for granted. He knows his political career is ended if he should lose the race for Governor and he is not ready to retire. He weighs every move with studied care.

He is, therefore, ready to go to considerable lengths to avoid collisions with any important groups even if it means stepping lightly on the tender corns of some of his colleagues of the right.

Naturally he will not give if he doesn't have to. And the factor that decides whether he has to give or not on any issue is the amount of fuss kicked up.

If a lot of people are aroused about an issue, the Governor will retreat. If there appears to be no public sentiment he will be awful tough.

This should make it possible for the people to obtain substantial concessions from the Administration at this session.

Unfortunately, it cannot be said they have taken full advantage of this. Except for the

by Max Gordon

veterans, I doubt whether there has been less popular activity on state issues in any legislature for the past ten years than there is now.

ONE area scarcely touched is the struggle against discrimination. It is as if the people have accepted the official position of the Senate Republican majority that it "gave enough" when it passed the State FEPC last year.

That was the answer Sen. Lazarus Joseph then got from the Senate Majority Leader Benjamin Feinberg last year when he pleaded for state medical colleges that would not discriminate against Jews, Negroes and Catholics.

It is, of course, very far from "enough." Discrimination is still rampant in every field of human activity in the State of New York, and the fight against it has barely begun.

Let me mention briefly three fields in which progress can be made: housing, education and FEPC.

Assemblymen Hulan Jack and William Prince, Manhattan Democrats, have introduced bills to prohibit discrimination in buy-

ing or renting homes or land. This is aimed at the notorious restrictive covenants that have been at the bottom of the Negro housing problem. Assemblymen William T. Andrews and Jack have introduced bills aimed at discrimination in housing developments.

Bills have been introduced by Sen. Louis L. Friedman and Assemblyman Frank J. Pino, Brooklyn Democrats, to bar tax exemption to colleges and other educational institutions that discriminate. Assemblyman Prince has gone further and demanded that all institutions of any kind that discriminate should receive no tax exemption.

Sen. Arthur Wachtel, Bronx Democrat, has introduced an important amendment to the State FEPC law which would make it possible for any organization or attorney to file a complaint against discriminating employers, not simply the person "aggrieved."

There is the Jack resolution memorializing Congress to pass the national FEPC and there is need for pressure on Dewey to force 14 New York GOP Congressmen into line on the FEPC discharge petition.

These are some of the issues in this field. They are not unimportant. They can be won. Yet popular activity on their behalf has been conspicuously absent.

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Clearing the Air

THE Soviet note on the Canada atom spy scare rips into the heart of the matter without any ifs or buts. It places the real issues before world opinion exactly as they stand today.

There cannot be the slightest doubt in any honest mind that the spy scare had nothing whatever to do with Canadian "security" or with "leaks" or with spies even.

As the Canadian correspondent of the New York Herald Tribune states: "It has been suggested that Prime Minister King may not be averse to the rumor factory he has started, and that the entire spy scare is a matter of high politics and not of security."

Rapidly indeed are the real motives of the hysterical hoax coming to the fore.

It is because the Soviet government has refused to back down in the face of this impudent bullying by imperialist-minded schemers who would like mankind to forget how this great ally spilled its blood and treasure to crush mankind's arch enemy, Axis militarism.

The Soviet government drives home what this paper had already declared earlier, that the spy scare was an effort to overcome the moral defeat suffered by the imperialist forces, both American and British, at the UNO meeting in London.

The Soviet delegation at the UNO meeting continued to press for the same principles of national independence for which mankind crushed the aggressions of Germany and Japan. The reply made to this fight was to charge that the Soviet Union is engaged in "expansionism."

The spy scare was part of this counter-campaign. But what does it answer?

The Question for Americans

Nothing whatsoever. It only reinforces the query to which American public opinion must resolutely demand an answer.

Will Washington and London continue to gamble with world peace by sabotaging the Yalta and Potsdam agreements?

Will they insist on viewing the democratic movements in Europe and Asia as "Soviet imperialism," thus trying to drown the demands of the oppressed nations by preparing for a new "holy crusade" against our Soviet ally?

The spy scare, which begins to show signs of collapse, has served to focus world attention on just these issues.

The Soviet note does not mince matters in this regard.

Its very firmness against the imperialist provocateurs is a defense of the principle of Big Three unity and UNO effectiveness. The Soviet note rebuffs the kind of political frameup which would make UNO unity precarious.

It is part of the deep-dyed hypocrisy of the war-schemers that this firmness of the Soviet government is interpreted as "Soviet isolation." It is not the first nor the last time that would-be aggressors have accused the Soviet government of "expansion" and "isolation" at the same time.

The real question now is what will the Truman government do?

Its collusion with the provocateurs has been plainly hinted at. There has got to be an end to this connivance with the atom bomb bullies, militarists and would-be rulers of the world who now dominate American foreign policy.

There has got to be a return to the Yalta and Potsdam pledges, faithfully kept by our Soviet ally but badly mauled by Britain and the United States as regards Germany and Japan.

American opinion cannot let itself be confused by any side issues, by anti-Soviet baiting, or transparent hoaxes. The issue is genuine unity on the basis of equality among the Big Three, or the path of secrecy, bullying and eventual war. There is no doubt as to where the American people stand. They have only to make their will felt a hundred times more plainly than up to now.

The Soviet note reveals the facts which make ridiculous the whole yarn spun by the rumor factories: Some minor Soviet officials accepted certain unimportant information, and were immediately removed by the Soviet government itself.

The information is not secret, but public.

There was no "ring," no "spies," and the whole incident proves that the Soviet government itself acted in a manner opposite to that painted by the hysteria mongers. It insisted on correct behavior by its representatives. The whole fabric of the spy scare collapses.

CAUGHT RED-HANDED



Views on Labor News

New Gladiators Against Bridges

By George Morris

THE CIO grew out of a revolt against the AFL's pattern of craft division that has long stifled the progress of labor. The most disgusting feature of that pattern is the jurisdictional strife which it breeds.

It is time to ask now whether the CIO, too, is becoming a jurisdictional battlefield among its affiliates? Much has come to the surface recently to raise that question. The CIO itself recently recognized the danger and set up a special committee to handle disputes, but, unfortunately, named John Green of the shipbuilders as its chairman.

The crassest case of all, one that ought to jolt the entire CIO, revolves around the dispute between Harry Bridges' International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union and Sam Wolchok's United Retail and Wholesale Employees. The issue goes much deeper than a dispute over several Montgomery Ward warehouses that Bridges' union organized.

Organizing the Unorganized

Taking its charter seriously, the ILWU threw in energy, resources and its well-known fighting spirit to organize warehouses. Some 40,000 warehouse workers are now the bulk of its membership. Montgomery Ward warehouses were tackled and organized before Wolchok even took public interest in the mail order firm. Bridges' union fought bitter struggles and won substantial gains for warehouse workers.

Wolchok's union, on the other hand, is a pitiful monstrosity compared to practically any other CIO union. The organization was born out of unity with a warehouse union in New York, Local 65, with an agreement providing that a substantial part of the union's funds and strength would go for organizing warehouses throughout the country. But Local 65 is now forced to sue Wolchok's administration for failing

to carry out its agreement. Little was done to organize warehouses.

As for Montgomery Ward, Wolchok's group tackled this outfit amateurishly, stupidly and irresponsibly. He lost his chance to do a serious job during the war. Toward the end of the war he tried to catch the missed bus with a phony strike threat. Now that the war is over, the "militant" Wolchok forgets about strikes. His brilliant strategy then conceived of a "week's stoppage," which was a grand flop. As a consequence the company fired many workers in Chicago and is getting away with it. Wages are a scandal.

Despite the vast jurisdiction, in the entire retail and wholesale field, with potential membership of millions, Wolchok's union after a decade has less than 100,000. The locals that have shown greatest progress embrace about a third of the membership under left leadership.

What They'd Like to Have

Suddenly, Wolchok's journal appeared on Feb. 1 with a copy of Green's letter in it, purporting to order Bridges' union to turn over all the warehouse locals, the majority of ILWU membership, to Wolchok. The letter was a copy of one sent by Green embodying his proposals to the other members of his committee. Wolchok pulled a "boner" by publishing it. The ILWU office had not seen a copy of it until Feb. 9, it was learned. So impatient was Wolchok's group to cash in on the "decision" that its men scattered immediately to all corners to

blackjack companies under contract with the ILWU to switch.

Of course, it is nonsense to even speculate on the possibility that any ILWU warehouse locals would shift to Wolchok. Protected by the Wagner Act, the locals could easily obtain court protection and restrain such transfer even if a decision for it was made and steps were taken to carry it out. Bridges' locals are run by the rank and file. In the ILWU a petition from 15 percent of the membership could order an official removed from office if he violated the will of the members.

But the very attempt to put this scheme over indicates who is interested in fostering jurisdictional strife and why. John Green, as the recent convention of his shipbuilding union revealed, is grooming himself for a sort of Joe "King" Ryan in the CIO. Red-baiting, convention-stacking and goons is his technique.

Wolchok, one of only three CIO presidents with a salary of \$10,000 a year or over, has been running his union as a dictatorship for some time. Both Wolchok and Green, like Walter Reuther, are Social Democrats. David Dubinsky's associates in the CIO. Red-baiting and prying open jurisdictional strife, are their weapons. Dubinsky, together with Lewis and Matt Weil, speaks openly of destroying the CIO. The Wolchoks, Greens and Reuthers just do their work without saying so.

That is the real meaning of Green's attempt to scuttle the ILWU and this is just one sample showing who wants jurisdictional strife in the CIO.

Worth Repeating

"All previous historical movements were movements of minorities, or in the interest of minorities. The proletarian movement is the self-conscious, independent movement of the immense majority, in the interest of the immense majority. The proletariat, the lowest stratum of our present society, cannot stir, cannot raise itself up, without the whole superimposed strata of official society being sprung into the air." The Communist Manifesto, P. 20. International Publishers.

Franco Again Brings In Moor Army

LONDON, Feb. 21 (UP).—Continental reports said today that at least 2,500 Moors of the Spanish North African forces have been landed in Spain and that Generalissimo Francisco Franco was preparing "important military operations" against guerrillas in the mountainous north. A United Press Gibraltar dispatch said several Spanish steamers have landed about 2,500 Moors at Algeciras, as well as a contingent of the Spanish Foreign Legion from Morocco. Lisbon dispatches said an unconfirmed report had it that Franco had ordered troops deployed to the Pyrenees frontier, and had called for the additional troops from Spanish Morocco to be garrisoned in Spain.

A news dispatch from Toulouse in southern France, center of activity of the exiled Spanish Republicans, said Franco was preparing for action against guerrillas.

The Toulouse dispatch, attributed to Spanish Republican quarters, said regular army units and Civil Guard detachments are to be concentrated in northern Spain, where the rough country furnishes hideouts for guerrilla bands.

28 Cardinals Get Red Hats of Office

ROME, Feb. 21 (UP).—The Pope conferred traditional broad-brimmed red hats on 28 new cardinals today as an international crowd of 20,000 to 25,000 persons packed the Basilica of St. Peter's.

Hitler 'Proud' to Be Called a Barbarian

NUERNBERG, Feb. 21 (UP).—Adolf Hitler himself admitted that German plunderers of eastern Europe were "barbarians," but boasted this was "an honorable title," the Soviet prosecution told the International War Crimes Tribunal today. Mark Julievich Raginsky of the Soviet prosecution staff, outlining Germany's destruction of art culture in Czechoslovakia and the occupied areas of the Soviet Union, quoted Hitler as saying: "We are barbarians and we wish to be barbarians—that's an honorable title."

Raginsky charged that Hans Frank, one of the defendants, closed all institutions of higher learning in Czechoslovakia in 1939 for a three year period as "merely a first step toward the complete suppression of the whole of Czech scientific life."

He said that the Germans even sent complete laboratories from Czechoslovakia to Germany, saying the Czechs no longer needed them, and turned libraries and concert halls into Gestapo barracks and offices.

In Kaluga, Russia, Raginsky



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charged, the Germans used a portrait of the Russian scientist Tsiolkovsky for revolver target practice. He said they also chopped up for firewood books and furniture in the home of the Russian writer, Leo Tolstoy, and turned the home of the composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky into a motorcycle garage.

German destruction in the Soviet Union, Raginsky asserted, included 87,000 industrial buildings belonging to cooperatives, trade unions and other social groups; 10,000 residential buildings; 1,839 cultural institutions; and about 8,000,000 books.

Mexico Fascists Seek to Evade Election Laws

Special to the Daily Worker

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 21.—The fascist National Sinarquist Union has just created a political party to evade Mexico's new election law which permits registration only of parties which conform strictly with democratic principles and have never advocated violence against the democratic system.

The Sinarquist Union itself has repeatedly declared that it is fighting against the existing democracy and seeks introduction of a "Christian Order." It has encouraged armed uprisings against the government, especially within the army.

A danger exists that Mexican authorities will accept at face value this plot to assume a new party guise, while maintaining the "super-political" Sinarquist Union intact.

"The revolutionary forces must avoid any appeasement attempts which might appear in some government circles," La Voz de Mexico, Communist paper, declared. "The traitors should have no opportunity to penetrate the country's leadership. There is just one way of dealing with traitors: Their total and merciless extermination."

Truman Talks Ickes' Job With Douglas

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (UP).—President Truman said today that he had discussed with Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas the post of Secretary of Interior, but quickly added that he did not think there should be two cabinet members from the same state.

FRANCO SEEKS AID FOR PUPPET MONARCHY

Dictator Francisco Franco sent out a call for help from international reaction yesterday so that he can impose a reactionary feudal monarchy on Spain.

Voice of Fighting Spain, Spanish Republican radio program here, nailed Franco's statement to yesterday's New York Times as a "tremendous effort to save himself and his regime from the Spanish people's struggle."

There has been considerable international to-do

lately about restoration of the monarchy in Spain in preference to the Falange. But as Voice of Fighting Spain pointed out, Franco plays up both his own personal desire for a monarchy and the "popularity" of the Falange.

He inadvertently admits that the Falange must be bolstered by even greater terror before a monarchist adventure or plebiscite can be attempted. Spain's internal situation does not permit concession of any type of political or press freedom, he said.

Brazil CP Hits U.S. By-Passing Of UNO in Argentine Action

Wireless to the Daily Worker

Return Rates to Busted Marines, CIO Vets Ask

Labor spokesmen yesterday demanded that six Marine Corps non-commissioned officers busted to private for petitioning against slow demobilization be returned to their previous ratings.

Bernard Minter, chairman of the N. Y. CIO Veterans Committee protested to President Truman and Secretary of Navy Forrestal against the action of the Marine Corps and demanded that their ratings be restored to the six marines.

The American Veterans Committee yesterday protested Marine Corps policy of withholding information about demobilization schedules and the arrest of three Marines in Honolulu who have circulated a petition opposing the demobilization practices.

The three marines, T-Sgt. Jason B. Shaeffer, of Harrisburg, Pa., S-Sgt. Harry N. Cooley of New Orleans, and Sgt. George M. Darcy of the Bronx were subsequently released but were among the six busted to the rank of private.

Charles G. Boite, chairman of AVC yesterday telephoned General A. C. Vandegrift.

"We feel that arrest is unduly strong action to take against men who have tried to bring what they consider injustices in Marine Corps policy to your attention. We would urge you in the future to permit marines, who are also citizens in a democracy, to express themselves in a peaceable and democratic fashion."

The three marines were arrested for a cable signed by 150 marines sent to Pres. Truman, Secy. of Navy Forrestal, Gen. Vandegrift, the chairman of the House and Senate Naval Affairs Committee and to the AVC.

The cable said:

"We the undersigned members of the Marine Corps protest the arbitrary action of the Marine Corps in holding up the rapid return of the Marine Corps to peacetime status."

"Under the present official order . . . men in the Marine Corps can not meet together to protest against such action, or rather lack of action, which is destroying their faith in their Commanders and their efficiency of performance in their jobs."

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RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 21.—Unilateral publication of the Blue Book by the United States against the Argentine regime, instead of action through UNO, is "the first step ever," and warned especially of war between Brazil and Argentina.

"We know victory of democracy in a country results from the struggle of its own people and cannot come from outside," the statement added.

The Communist document discounted the "revelations" made by the Blue Book regarding Brazil. It only confirmed already widely known facts about Integralism "as the advance guard fifth column directly linked with Axis agents," and strangely failed to mention well known names like Felinto Muller, former Rio de Janeiro police chief.

Former Chief of Navy Intelligence Drowns

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 21 (UP).—Vice Admiral Theodore S. Wilkinson, former chief of Naval Intelligence, drowned today when his automobile crashed through the gates of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Ferry into the bay.

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LODGE 500, IWO, celebrates George Washington's Birthday and Red Army Day. Speaker, Joseph Brodsky, well-known attorney and lecturer. "1918-1919, An Historical Comparison." Russian folk dances and songs. Refreshments. Adm. free. 77 Fifth Ave. 8:30 p.m.

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HEAR WILLIAM B. GAILLOR, New Century Club Auditorium, 134 S. 12 St., Sunday, Feb. 24, 8:30 p.m. Sub. \$2. The Forum of the Philadelphia School.

Finn Social-Democrats Draw Jail Sentences

HELSINKI, Feb. 21 (UP).—Finland's wartime President Risto Ryti, Vaino Tanner, Social Democratic Party head and others were sentenced to terms of two to 10 years in prison today by a war crimes court which found them guilty of acting against the nation's best interests from 1941 to 1944.

Specifically, their indictment mentioned Finland's 1940 military cooperation pact with Germany, her entry into the war against the Soviet Union in June, 1941, and her later declaration of war on Great Britain.

The Soviet control commission was reported to have approved the sentences after what were described as certain adjustments.

Those sentenced and their terms

were:

Ryti, president from November, 1940, to August, 1944, 10 years at hard labor.

Former Premier Jukka Wilhelm Rangell, head of the cabinet from Jan. 4, 1941, to March, 1943; six years imprisonment.

Former Premier Edwin Linkomies, premier from March, 1943, to Aug. 4, 1944; five years and six months. Sir Henrik Ramsay, foreign minister in Linkomies' cabinet, two years and six months.

Vaino A. Tanner, five years and

six months. The prosecution accused him of having used his influence as a party leader in favor

of Finland's alliance with Germany. Tyko Reinkka, agrarian, former finance minister and state bank

president, two years. Antti Kukkonen, former interior minister and education minister, two years. Toivo M. Kivimaki, former Finnish minister in Berlin, five years. He was accused of having relayed misleading information to the Finnish government.

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NYU's Win Was a Game To Remember

Bill Mardo

People with weak hearts would do well to stay away from the Garden any time that NYU's hoopsters are on the floor. If you've got a ticker that murmurs, chances are it'll be roaring like an ocean at tide-change before the game's half over. And even if you're in tip-top shape, a game such as the Violets played against St. John's Wednesday night wouldn't do your pulse-beat any real good.

Oh, there have been smoother-played games, and certainly NYU was a finer all-round club against Notre Dame than it was while waging war with the Redmen the other night—but, believe me, you'll never see a wilder, more thrilling finale than that displayed by the Cannmen in the final five minutes of regular play plus the overtime stanza.

Let's try to first analyze what preceded the crazy climax. From the outset of the first half it was quite apparent that NYU was off and St. John's "up" for the critical contest. So was it also obvious that astute Joe Lapchick was applying the perfect strategy to baffle NYU's whirlwind tactics and thus emphasize its most glaring deficiency. The Redmen employed the slow, agonizingly deliberate offensive which revolved around Ray Werts calmly walking the ball to mid-court, then the short, freezing-type of pass plays outside of the circle between Frascella, Werts and Zaslotsky—until the moment that Lennie Doctor could dart under to take a quick toss from one of the boys on the outside and then click for a layup. This type of slow stall was working beautifully for the Redmen, and it also served its primary purpose of thoroughly slowing the NYUers down to a cake-walk.

On the defensive the Redmen proved equally efficient, so closely guarding the Violets that fast-breaking customers like Tannenbaum and Mangiapane were invariably bottled and unable to crack through toward the hoop. With its key fast-break combination completely stalled, the NYUers were compelled to try long set-shots from the outside, and only the uncanny marksmanship of nearly every boy on the Violet squad made it possible for NYU to walk off at halftime with a 24-all deadlock.

The second half was a classic example of Joe Lapchick's strategy at its very best. Once again the Redmen drove the Violets crazy with that teasing, slow working-around of the ball outside the circle. But the big difference this time was that Harry Boykoff suddenly got hot, and so instead of Doctor doing all the shooting, he was used as a decoy while the Redmen would feed Big Harry. And the ailing St. John's center put on a show that nobody will forget for a long, long time. He feinted Schayes crazy three successive times as he hooked around him to net the pivots. Cann yanked Schayes and in came Tom Kelly. But the substitute Violet center is only a very poor imitation of talented Schayes, and Boykoff continued his amazing spree by playing a little to the outside of the bucket and flipping in four more pivots right over the outstretched arms of Kelly.

So in seven thrilling minutes St. John's had piled up 13 points to NYU's four. The Violets, desperately trying to break up the Redmen's carefully-conceived offensive, only succeeded in charging the ball-handlers and so with 11 minutes of game time remaining, St. John's had a 42-28 lead and seemed well on its way to a stunning and lopsided upset.

Then, friends, the house caved in. It's my opinion that Lapchick pulled a real boner by removing Boykoff at that moment, precisely when the big guy was steaming hot and inspiring the entire team. Kobler went in to replace Harry, the Redmen cooled off ever so slightly, and then for the first time that evening burly Frank Mangiapane began to break through. Frank stole the ball from Pastochuk, and while the Redmen were caught flat-footed, he dribbled up the entire length of the court to coolly lay one in. The score was 46-35 as Schayes and diminutive Donny Forman came back into the game.

At this point, with five minutes left, the over-tense and tired Redmen started to freeze the ball. But this backfired as the Violets began to fight like wildcats for possession. And won it, too. First Forman netted a short one-hander. Doctor fouled Tannenbaum, and Sid made the free toss good. Mangiapane added another foul toss as the Redmen began to lose control of the game. Again the roaring Mangiapane flipped in a rebound. Sarah connected twice and Mangiapane leaped under the basket a moment later to flip through another rebound and the score was tied at 46-all with one minute and a half remaining. For a second it looked as though NYU's stirring rally was for naught as Ray Werts recaptured the lead with a snappy layup. But once more Mangiapane tore through to sink a one-hander.

The bummer halted the unbelievable action at 48-all and everyone in the Garden took a breather to rub their eyes and gasp aloud: "Well, I'll be damned . . . did you see that Mangiapane go?"

It had indeed been an incredible feat—for the Violet husky had notched eight of NYU's 13 points during that frenzied comeback.

With the jammed Garden crowd on its feet, both clubs went into the overtime session. But even before Boykoff and Schayes jumped for the ball—the feeling was that nothing could now stop the superbly conditioned NYU crew. It had come back this far, and there wasn't a team in the country capable then of denying it victory.

That was proven a second later as Mangiapane collared two free tosses—and Tannenbaum followed up with a terrific set-shot from mid-court to put the Violets in front, 52-48. With time running out on the demoralized Redmen, the amazing Mister Mangiapane ripped through for three successive lay-ups to climax his Frank Merriwell performance. 58-50 it was, and so it remained as the last second of the fifth overtime minute slowly wound its way around the big Garden clock.

And how's you heart, chum? Mine? Oh, it always sounds this way. Yeah, just like Krupa's big tom-tom.

FROM THE TRAINING CAMPS

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 21 (UP).—Max Lanier, St. Louis Cardinal southpaw star, agreed to salary terms today after a four-day holdout and was understood to have accepted owner Sam Breadon's original offer after a conference with manager Eddie Dyer.

CLEARWATER, Fla., Feb. 21 (UP).—The Cleveland Indians held their first workout today and rookies Gene Woodling and Ted Scepkowski stood out in a surprise batting drill, both hitting several over the right field fence.

LAKELAND, Fla., Feb. 21 (UP).—Hard-hitting Hank Greenberg went back to first base today as manager Steve O'Neill sent the 50 players in the Detroit Tiger camp through batting and fielding drills today.

Barney McCosky and Pat Mullin, pre-war outfielders, were impressive in the hitting workout but pitcher Paul (Dizzy) Trout was the only Tiger to knock the ball out of the park.

Hal Newhouser, the southpaw ace who is holding out for more money, is expected to come to terms Saturday.

11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00 WEAF—Fred Waring Show
WOR—News; Talk; Music
WJZ—Breakfast With Breneman
WABC—Amandas—Sketch
WMCA—News; Music Box
WQXR—Alma Dettinger, News
11:15 WOR—Tello-Test—Quiz
WABC—Second Husband
11:30 WEAF—Barry Cameron—Sketch
WOR—Take It Easy Time
WJZ—Home Edition
WABC—A Woman's Life—Sketch
WMCA—News Reports
WQXR—Concert Music
11:45 WEAF—David Harum
WOR—Talk—Victor Lindlahr
WJZ—Ted Malone—Talk
WABC—Aunt Jenny
WMCA—This Woman's World

NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00 WEAF—Don Goddard, News
WOR—News; Hymns You Love
WJZ—Glamour Manor
WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chat
WQXR—News; Luncheon Concert
12:15 WEAF—Talk—Maggie McNellis
WABC—Big Sister
12:30 WEAF—Art Van Damme Quartet
WOR—News; the Answer Man
WJZ—News; Women's Exchange
WABC—Heinz Trent
12:45 WEAF—Music of Manhattan
WABC—Our Gal Sunday
1:00 WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride
WOR—Meatline Melodies
WJZ—H. R. Baulkage, News
WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful
WQXR—Clifford Evans
WQXR—News; Symphony Music
1:15 WEAF—Constance Bennett, Comments
WABC—Ma Perkins
1:30 WOR—Lopez Orchestra
WABC—Young Dr. Malone—Sketch
WJZ—Galen Drake
WMCA—The Captain Tim Healy's
1:45 WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News
WOR—John J. Anthony
WABC—Road to Life—Sketch
WMCA—Recorded Music

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00 WEAF—The Guiding Light
WOR—Easy Aces—Sketch
WJZ—John K. Kennedy
WABC—Second Mrs. Burton
WQXR—News; Music
2:15 WEAF—Today's Children
WOR—Monaghan, Record Man
WJZ—Ethel and Albert
WABC—Ferry Mason—Sketch
2:30 WEAF—Woman in White
WOR—Queen for a Day
WJZ—Bride and Groom
WABC—Rosemary—Sketch
WQXR—Request Music
2:45 WEAF—Masquerade—Sketch
WABC—Tess and Tim
3:00 WEAF—A Woman of America
WOR—Martha Deane Program
WJZ—Al Pearce Show
WABC—Time to Remember
WQXR—News; Request Music
3:15 WEAF—Ma Perkins
WABC—This Is New York
3:30 WEAF—Pepper Young
WOR—John Gambling, News
WJZ—Ladies, Be Seated
WABC—Sing Along
3:45 WEAF—Night to Happiness
4:00 WEAF—Backstage Wife—Sketch
WOR—Better Half—Quiz
WJZ—Jack Berch Show
WABC—House Party
WMCA—News; Western Songs
WQXR—News; Symphonic Matinee
4:15 WEAF—Stella Dallas—Sketch
WJZ—The Fitzgeralds
4:25 WABC—News Reports
4:30 WEAF—Lorenzo Jones
WOR—Ask Dr. Eddy
WJZ—Shelley Mydans
WABC—Marshall Young, Songs
WMCA—News; Music
4:45 WEAF—Young Widder Brown
WJZ—Hop Harrigan
WABC—Feature Story
5:00 WEAF—When a Girl Marries
WOR—Uncle Don
WJZ—Terry and the Pirates
WABC—School of the Air
WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—News; Man About Town

Pick Lesnevich to Upset Oma Tonight

By PHIL GORDON

Clever Gus Lesnevich makes his second start in four years tonight, when he tangles with erratic Lee Oma in a 10-round heavyweight tilt at Madison Square Garden before an expected near-capacity crowd.

Oma will enter the ring favored to beat the 21-year-old lightweight king—and it's no secret that only Lesnevich's long absence from the ring makes him the underdog. Gus' only bout since his discharge from the Coast Guard after four years of service, was against Joe Kahut last Jan. 11, and the crafty veteran belted out Kahut in the first stanza.

So if one wasn't a stickler for technicalities, it would be more accurate to say that tonight's bout is actually the first test for Lesnevich. And in going against the handsome Oma, the 175-pound king will be facing far tougher a foe than Kahut. For Lee is nobody's fool. He can box, hit smartly and has been around long enough to know how to pace himself perfectly.

Oma is considered the successor to Maxie Baer's role of Clown Prince of Boxing. For the nonchalant Detroiter likes to play more than fight—and even when in the ring he makes it appear that his evening's work is nothing more than a lark. Oma fights with his unusual hands-down style, walking around his foe and then suddenly lashing out with his talented left

paw when the other guy least expects it. Oma first broke into the big-time when he made an emergency bow against Tami Mauriello almost two years ago and put up a fight before folding. A rematch was arranged, and that time Lee whipped himself into shape while Tami trained on spaghetti, and so the Detroiter handed Mauriello a most humiliating setback. But Tami settled the score when they met for the third and last time.

Despite being an underdog, we think Lesnevich can win tonight if his rustiness has been somewhat alleviated by the New Jersey's rigorous training program. Gus is as clever as they come, boxes smartly and hits sharply. He's a very workmanlike guy inside those ropes—and Oma's nonchalant tactics may very well backfire before the earnest and competent two-handed attack of Lesnevich. Of course, another big question is: how good are Lesnevich's legs today? At 31, he can't have helped slowing down considerably—but fortunately for him, Mister Oma isn't a speedster and so Lesnevich won't have to torrid a leg-pace to worry about.

RADIO

WMCA—670 Kc. WKY—1230 Kc.
WEAF—680 Kc. WNEW—1130 Kc.
WOR—710 Kc. WLJB—1230 Kc.
WJZ—770 Kc. WHE—1230 Kc.
WMYC—830 Kc. WOV—1230 Kc.
WABC—880 Kc. WBNY—1230 Kc.
WINS—1000 Kc. WQXR—1230 Kc.

5:15 WEAF—Portia Faces Life
WOR—Superman
WJZ—Dick Tracy
WMCA—Let's Listen to a Story
WQXR—Today in Music
5:30 WEAF—Just Plain Bill
WOR—Captain Midnight
WJZ—Jack Armstrong
WABC—Cimarron Tavern
WMCA—News; Jerry Baker, Songs
WQXR—Temple Emanu-El Service
5:45 WEAF—Front Page Farrell
WOR—Adventures of Tom Mix
WJZ—Tennessee Jed—Sketch
WABC—Sparrow and the Hawk

6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00 WEAF—News; Concert Music
WOR—Paul Schubert
WJZ—Kieran's News Corner
WABC—Quincy Howe, News
WMCA—News; Talk
WQXR—News; Music to Remember
6:15 WOR—Man on the Street
WJZ—Hers' Morgan
WABC—James Carroll, Tenor
6:25 WQXR—News; Dinner Music
6:30 WOR—Fred Vandeverter, News
WJZ—News; Sports Talk
WABC—Kleen Farrell, Soprano
WMCA—Racing Results
6:40 WEAF—Sports—Bill Stern
6:45 WEAF—Lowell Thomas
WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax
WJZ—Cal Tinney
WABC—The World Today—News
WMCA—Recorded Music

7:00 WEAF—Supper Club, Variety
WOR—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
WJZ—Headline Edition

WABC—Jack Kirkwood Show
WMCA—Jack Egan, News
WQXR—Lisa Sergio, News

7:15 WOR—News of the World
WJZ—Raymond Swing
WABC—Jack Smith Show

WMCA—Five-Star Final

7:30 WEAF—Red Barber Star Revue

WOR—Frank Singiser, News

WJZ—The Lone Ranger

WABC—Giany Simms Show

WMCA—J. Raymond Walsh

WQXR—Barzin Orchestra

7:45 WEAF—Richard Harkness, News

WOR—Bill Brandt

WMCA—Sid Gary, Songs

WHN—Johannes Steel

8:00 WEAF—Highways in Melody

WOR—Variety Show

WJZ—The Woody Herman Show

WABC—The Aldrich Family—Play

WQXR—News; Symphony Hall

8:30 WEAF—Duffy's Tavern

WOR—So You Think You Know

Music?—Quiz

WJZ—This Is Your FBI

WABC—Kate Smith Show

8:45 WABC—Bill Henry, News

9:00 WEAF—People Are Funny
WOR—Gabriel Heatter
WJZ—Alan Young Show
WABC—Holiday and Company, with Ray Mayer, Edith Evans, Others
WQXR—Worldwide News Review
9:15 WOR—Real Life Stories
WQXR—Great Names
9:30 WEAF—Bob Hannon, Songs; Evelyn MacGregor, Contralto; Chorus
WOR—Spotlight Band
WJZ—The Sheriff—Play
WABC—Those Websters—Play
WMCA—Quidnunc Class
WQXR—Record Rarities
9:45 WJZ—Chester Morrison—Stories
10:00 WEAF—Mystery Theater
WOR—Henry J. Taylor
WJZ—Boxing Bout
WABC—Jimmy Durante and Garry Moore, Comedy
WQXR—News; Encore Music
10:15 WOR—John Gart Trio
WQXR—Beatrice Mery, Soprano
10:30 WEAF—Sports—Bill Stern
WOR—Symphonette
WABC—Damee Kaye Show
WMCA—Frank Kingdon
10:45 WEAF—Gen. Omar Bradley
WMOA—Tom Burdick, Songs
WQXR—The Music Box
11:00 WEAF, WOR—News; Music
WJZ, WABC—News; Music
WMCA—News; Gypsy Caravan
WQXR—News; Symphony Hour
11:30 WEAF—World's Great Novels
WABC—Viva America
12:00 WEAF, WABC—News; Music
WJZ, WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—News Reports
12:15 WEAF—Rainbow Division Veterans' Anniversary Program

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Whitewash Freeport Killer-Cop

By HARRY RAYMOND

MINEOLA, N. Y., Feb. 21.—Policeman Joseph Romeika was exonerated this afternoon by the Nassau Grand Jury for the brutal slaying of Charles Ferguson, Negro GI, his brother Alfonzo, a war veteran, and the wounding of another brother, Joseph, a Navy sailor, in Freeport, Feb. 5.

District Attorney James N. Gehrig, who presented the case to the jury amid the smouldering Ku Klux atmosphere, declared the jury of 18 white men and five white women, all Long Island property owners, found the Freeport cop was "justified" in his action.

The slain Negroes are Pfc. Charles R. Ferguson, U.S. Army Air Corps, and Alfonzo Ferguson, a war veteran. Seaman Third Class Joseph Ferguson, third brother, was wounded in the shoulder by the same police revolver.

They were shot near the Freeport bus station after Gus Scholakis, bus terminal tearoom owner, refused to serve them. Scholakis called patrolman Romeika, charging the Negroes were disorderly.

Immediately after the Grand Jury presented the dismissal order, District Attorney Gehrig told newsmen

he had been bombarded with thousands of telegrams from citizens demanding something more than routine treatment of the case.

DEMAND PROSECUTION

Numerous Long Island and New York City delegations visited Gehrig in the county courthouse demanding the arrest, indictment and trial of the policeman for manslaughter.

A mass protest rally in the Hempstead Odd Fellows Hall tonight heard New York City Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., demand a new special investigation of the killings.

Shortly before the announcement of the Grand Jury whitewash, a delegation of 18 Negro and white citizens from the Rockaway area

visited the district attorney.

Gehrig told the group: "I have no power to indict. That's the job of the Grand Jury."

But during more than two weeks that Gehrig had the case in his hands, he used every effort, legal and otherwise, to block a Grand Jury indictment of the policeman.

He said the jury heard 20 witnesses during the process of the so-called investigation. The last witness called was Stanley Faulkner, attorney for the Ferguson family. He was quizzed before the jury for more than an hour.

HITS TRIAL

Faulkner left the jury room shortly after 1 p.m. He was boiling with anger and expressed dissatisfaction with the proceedings.

He told the press later that the fight for justice and retribution

would continue.

"The Citizens Committee and the Ferguson family will continue their efforts in trying to find such additional witnesses as there may be and when such evidence becomes available or any other evidence that in their opinion appears material, they will seek to have the matter presented to a Grand Jury sitting at another term of the court," he said.

When the jury handed down the dismissal, the foreman offered no presentation of facts and reasons as is often done in cases involving great public interest. The Ferguson case was such a case.

Asked if policeman Romeika was now free of all responsibility for the killing, Gehrig said:

"The jury found he was justified in doing what he did in the case."

Ask Special Grand Jury Probe

The Kings County American Labor Party yesterday demanded the

appointment of a special Grand Jury of Negro and white citizens and asked a complete investigation of Patrolman Romeika.

"If the facts warrant it," Leo J. Linder, Kings ALP chairman said, "Romeika should be indicted, arrested and tried."

Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Councilman Michael J. Quill and Assemblyman Hulan Jack, Harlem Democrat, will be the principal speakers tomorrow (Saturday) at a citywide Emergency Conference protesting the Freeport killings. The conference is called by the Veterans Against Discrimination and United Veterans for Equality at the Hotel Diplomat at 1 p.m.

Communist City Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., and Mrs. Minnie Ferguson, widow of the slain GI, Charles Ferguson, have already been announced as speakers.

All trade unions and city organizations are urged to send delegates to help shape future action, the conference call stated.

Longshore Strike Set April 1 on West Coast

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21 (UP).—Pacific Coast longshoremen have voted to strike coastwise shipping on or before April 1, it was announced today. In a statement released by the CIO International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union here.

New Price Chief Vows Sympathy For 'Poor' Boss

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (UP).—The Senate today speedily and unanimously confirmed the nomination of Paul A. Porter, former chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, as price administrator, succeeding Chester Bowles.

Porter earlier told the Senate Banking Committee that a new OPA policy and procedure is being prepared to ease the price situation for small businessmen. He promised to do everything possible to get price relief for manufacturers in hardship cases."

Senate Democratic leader Alben W. Barkley, Ky., described Porter, as one of the "most strong-minded, fair-minded men in government." Sen. Clyde M. Reed (R-Kan.), told the Senate that Porter is "bound to be an improvement" over the present administrator.

Wire Wage Arbitration Returns to Judge Levy

The wage fight of Western Union employees here yesterday went back before Supreme Court Justice Aaron Levy whose appointment of an arbitrator Feb. 10 ended a 34-day strike.

Supreme Court Justice William O. Hecht, refused to hear argument on a management motion to disqualify Abraham L. Pomerantz, corporation lawyer named by Judge Levy.

Judge Hecht held, over union objections, that the selection of an arbitrator was part of company injunction proceedings, which were before Justice Levy at the time that he brought about the agreement that ended the walkout.

Judge Hecht said he would contact Judge Levy and asked union and company to stand by for a hearing before the latter today, tomorrow or Monday.

Western Union, which had signed an agreement accepting Pomerantz

Britain Aids Pole Terrorists

English currency and arms have been dropped by plane to terrorists inside Poland. This was admitted yesterday by one of 23 NSZ (National Armed Forces) defendants on trial before a military court in Warsaw for terroristic activity, the Polish Press Agency reported.

The witness, Roman Jaroszynski, also admitted that he had signed death sentences for functionaries of the present Polish government.

Another defendant, Zygmunt Wolanin, testified, according to the agency, that he had led an attack on the village of Wierszchowina, in which many of the inhabitants were slain.

Wolanin said that the headquarters commander for his operations had been a certain "Major Henryk" who now has escaped from Poland to join Gen. Wladyslaw Anders' army in Italy.

The agency said that documents introduced in evidence showed that the NSZ was instructed from Gen. Anders' headquarters in Italy, to change its form of salute.

Both defendants stated that they belonged to the Pogotowia Akoji Specjalnej (special action vigilantes) division of the NSZ. They are charged with participation in the slaying of 250 militia and civilians, as well as Soviet fliers.

as arbitrator, unexpectedly demanded his disqualification because he had been active in the American Labor Party in New Rochelle, N. Y., and because he had made radio addresses friendly to labor.

The American Communications Association will hold an emergency meeting next Tuesday night to determine action on this development.

Scabs Run Musical Gauntlet of Shame

Special to the Daily Worker

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 21.—Scabs got their police escort with music today at the strikebound Westinghouse Meter plant here.

When police came to usher supervisors out through the UE picket lines, 250 strikers fell in behind and, led by their own fife and drum corps, paraded with the scabs to the Lackawanna Station.

British Cables Down in 1-Hour Stoppage

LONDON, Feb. 21 (UP).—Commercial cable employees here struck for a brief period tonight for the second time recently. Employees left their work shortly before 10 p.m. and returned to work an hour later.

Ask Communist Youth Aid Youth Pilgrimage

The New York State Youth Commission through its secretary, Bernard Friedland, yesterday called upon Communist youth to join Monday's Youth Pilgrimage to Albany as "a demonstration of our party's full support for this important youth action."

The pilgrimage, sponsored by the New York American Youth for Democracy leaves from 31 St. between Seventh and Eighth Aves. at 9:30 a.m., Monday morning.

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Lancaster AFL Wins General Strike 100%

By WALTER LOWENFELS

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 21.—The AFL with CIO support won its three-day general strike in Lancaster. Labor solidarity smashed the union-busting attack of the local traction monopoly and gained a 12-cent an hour sliding wage increase.

Employees (AFL) is retroactive to Sept. 27, when a protracted strike ended in an arbitration agreement. However, no contract was negotiated and the present strike developed Feb. 6.

The agreement, which includes several items won by last week's CIO transport workers' two-day strike victory in Philadelphia, provides: an immediate five-cent increase retroactive to Sept. 27; three cents more in July, another two cents Nov. 1. There is also immediately effective an additional one cent for service between six months and a year, and another cent for over a year's service, making a total of 12 cents, equaling the flat 12 cents the TWU won in Philadelphia.

The pension payments increase from \$35 to \$40 monthly, plus federal old-age payments, maintenance of union membership is provided.

Independents to Aid UE Strikers

Special to the Daily Worker

HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, Feb. 21.—Striking Anaconda Wire & Cable Co. workers here have been promised full support by the independent union at Anaconda's Raritan, N. J., plant leaders of their union, the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers said today.

Officers of the independent union promised to recommend strike action, effective Monday, to their 1,200 members at Raritan today, DeNicholas and Scherer of the CIO union said.

The Raritan plant is Anaconda's smelting plant.

Strikers here acted as volunteer firemen today when fire broke out in the Eastern Athletic Club. Later, union headquarters at 7 Washington Ave. served the firemen coffee.

Production is completely halted at the plant and 50 AFL iron workers, employed on a new construction, walked off the job in sympathy.

Strikers have wired the CIO Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers Union at Anaconda's Great Falls, Mont., plant asking cooperation.